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|) INFORMATION DISCLOSURE) STATEMENT UNDER 37) C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98 | |
| b: EL627029450US the United States Postal Service 'Express Mail Post Office To Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 M. Vradenburgh No. 39,868 TION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98 | |
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

- The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months 1. of the filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever occurs last. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b).
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| | | i. | | a certification (set below) in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) | |
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| | | ii. | | the attached fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for submission of an Information Disclosure Statement under §1.97(c) (\$210.00). | |
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| A. In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1. | | | ordance | with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d):\ | |
| | | i. | Set for | th below is a certification as specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e). | |
| | | ii. | | ant hereby petitions for the consideration of the accompanying information ture statement. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)(ii). | |
| | | iii. | Applic | ant submits the petition fee set forth in §1.17(i)(1) \$130.00). | |
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| | copy of this sheet is enclosed. |
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| | communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3725. A duplicate |
| 5. | The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fees associated with this |

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 12, 2000

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